

# ARMISTICE SIGNED

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## Treaty Is Concluded.

## SAKHALIN HITCH SETTLED.

Russians Wanted to Fortify Their  
Half, but Agree Not To.

**The Japanese Give us a Reason for Delaying the Operation of the Armistice the Time It Will Take to Notify the Troops in Remote Districts—The Mikado Hasn't Yet Approved Envoys Work, but They Will Sign the Treaty Anyway—Czar Gives a Perfunctory Assent, Neglecting to Praise What the Plenipotentiaries Consider a Victory**

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Sept. 1.—An arrangement for the suspension of hostilities in the Far East was signed to-day by Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen for Russia and Baron Komura and Mr. Takahira for Japan. Strangely enough, it provides that the armistice shall not be effective until the treaty of peace has been concluded.

This was insisted upon by the Japanese envoys, who maintained that it might be impossible to get word to scattered divisions of the Japanese army that there must be no more fighting, and for that reason Japan did not wish to be placed in the position of having violated the armistice if those divisions engaged in hostile operations.

There was a long conference to-night between all the envoys for the purpose of harmonizing important differences that

rose as to the provisions of the articles in the treaty relating to Sakhalin Island and the evacuation of Manchuria. The difficulty concerning Manchuria related mainly to phraseology and was overcome with comparative ease, but the other matters involved greater obstacles.

it was arranged that the Japanese should not fortify that part of Sakhalin Island commanding La Pelouse Straits. By the terms of the agreement the southern half

of Sakhalin will be ceded to Japan under the condition that these straits "shall remain free and open."

There was no understanding reached between the envoys at that time with reference to the non-fortification of the northern part of Sakhalin, which will remain

in Russia's possession, and when the article of the treaty relating to the division of the island was about to be drafted Mr. Dennisonson, who is acting for Japan in the work of writing the convention, made the point that provision should be inserted that Russia should be pledged not to fortify that portion of Sakhalin which will be Russian territory.

To this Mr. Maartens, the Russian treaty expert, declined to accede and the meeting of the envoys was held to-night for the purpose of overcoming the difficulty. After much discussion Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen agreed to what the Japanese desired and the treaty will provide that no part of Sakhalin island shall be fortified.

Thirteen of the fifteen articles of the treaty were completed to-day and there is now a prospect that the document will be

The general expectation is that the formal act of signing will take place at the Portsmouth Navy Yard on Tuesday or Monday. The Czar has notified his plenipotentiaries that he approves the terms of the treaty.

that no such word has come from the Mikado to the Japanese envoys.

Some apprehension has been aroused on this absence of formal advice from

Tokio, but members of the Japanese mission declare there is no hitch and that the failure to hear from their Government is due to the fact that Japan has been cut off from cable communication with the outside world through the prevalence of a severe and disastrous typhoon.

Nothing has been received here to show that the news has been made public.

that the peace terms have been made public in Tokio. There is a suspicion that a strict censorship has been established, and the reason given for this is the fear that there will be a public demonstration against the

Government when the terms upon which peace was made become known. In view of this feeling the members of the Japanese mission are uneasy over the failure to receive approval of their work from the

Mr. Witte has received a message from the Czar approving the work of Baron Mikado, but they will sign the treaty if no message comes to them, taking it for granted that their Government will not repudiate the agreement which it instructed them to make.

substance is not disclosed, the communication is understood to be of a rather perfunctory character. That is not over-

Messrs. Anderson and Russ, expert penmen and treaty engrossers in the service

of the State Department in Washington. Mr. Witte will be here to-morrow to write the duplicate of the official copies of the peace treaty to be signed by the envoys of Russia and Japan. Mr. Witte will go to New York when the peace treaty has been signed and thence to Chicago for the specific purpose of visiting Chicago University. The Russians

here say he is to receive a degree from the university. From Chicago he will go to Niagara Falls on his way to New York, whence he will sail for Europe on Sept. 12.

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**JAPANESE PROTESTS.**

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